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Pioneers Recognition BBQ



BBQ honoring docents, volunteers and donors at the Roberto Adobe & Suñol House

(Photo: Paul Bernal)

The California Pioneers of Santa Clara County hosted our annual Recognition BBQ on Saturday, September 14th at the Roberto Adobe & Suñol House. About 70 guests included the Pioneers docents, volunteers, donors and Board Members. Some brought their families.

The delicious tri-tip and chicken BBQ was served by our friends the Clampers (E Clampus Vitus). The event was held on the patio under our 100-year-old fig tree.

Tours through the Roberto Adobe & Suñol House were offered to those who had not visited recently.

The Pioneers heartily thank the Clampers, Russ Robinson for chairing the event, and all the helpers that made this event such a success.

Become a docent or volunteer and join us for next year's Recognition BBQ.

(More photos on page 4)



**Jim Zetterquist
Pioneers President**

Pioneers Quarterly Luncheon

Saturday, Dec. 7th, 2019

11:00 AM to 2:30 PM

THREE FLAMES RESTAURANT

Banquet Room—1547 Meridian Ave. in San Jose

Luncheon Presentation

By

**Hon. Paul Bernal
San Jose City Historian**

Local history books will also be on sale.

Make Reservations by Wednesday, Dec. 4th

Email to sccpioneers@gmail.com

or call 408-554-7587 with your menu selection

If, after reserving, you cannot attend the Luncheon
PLEASE call or e-mail to cancel your reservations.

WE HAVE TO PAY FOR NO-SHOWS !

LUNCHEON COST IS \$35

Pioneers do not make any profit from these charges.

Please make checks payable in advance to
California Pioneers and bring to Luncheon.

Menu Selections

Three Flames Special Steak
tri-tip steak topped with sautéed mushrooms

Breast of Chicken Sauté
Boneless breast with white wine & mushroom sauce

Grilled Salmon
[Above served with red potatoes & fresh vegetables]

Pasta Rosé
Penne Pasta, tomato-Alfredo sauce, mushrooms,
green onions and fresh basil

All of the above served with Salad, Coffee and Dessert
No-Host Bar for soft drinks, beer and wine

*Parking is limited in front of the restaurant; however,
ample parking is available in the rear and close
to the separate banquet room entrance.*



*Halloween at
the Poulson
House,
History Park.*

*Jonna Baker
and
Bernie
Moore
handing out
candy to
our little
visitors.*

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President's Message



Jim Zetterquist
President

CA Pioneers of Santa Clara County

As the end of 2019 approaches, I would like to thank all Pioneers members and volunteers for making it another productive year for our organization.

In 2019 we successfully brought back our essay contest (thanks to the Essay Committee chaired by Dr. Mike Shea and Bill Foley), put on our traditional Admission Day volunteer recognition barbeque (thanks to chair Russ Robinson, the Clampers, and all their helpers), and conducted over a hundred tours of the Paulson House and Roberto Adobe & Suñol House (thanks

to Jonna Baker, Sylvia Hew and their team of docents).

I am especially indebted to Barbara and Tim Peddy for heading up our Luncheon Committee for the past decade. Under their leadership, they ensured our quarterly luncheons ran smoothly, providing delicious meals at a warm and inviting venue. They also recruited guest speakers to make both informative and entertaining presentations.

As they pass the torch to our new Luncheon Committee Chair, Sylvia Hew, I hope you all will support her efforts as she tries to fill very large shoes.

Over our next few luncheons, Bill Foley will be working with her and her committee to streamline luncheon reservations and registrations by enabling us to accept payments by credit card. Please be patient as we expect to encounter a few snags along the way. We know these changes will make the process easier for us all in the end.

As this decade comes to a close, I am happy to announce we continue to be financially stable as an organization (thanks to the generosity of past members who left us their estates and the financial leadership of our Treasurer, Tom Kearney, and immediate Past-

President Ken Machado). In the past twelve months, our portfolio has grown by 6.5 percent. However, over the past twelve months, our membership has dropped by thirteen members (3.6 percent). If we expect the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County to be around for another 144 years, I respectfully ask each and every one of you to set a goal of recruiting at least one new member to our organization.

To accomplish this, I suggest you reach out to a friend, neighbor, or family member and tell them about all the Pioneers have to offer. Inform them about our volunteer and fellowship opportunities and take them on a weekend tour of the Roberto Adobe and Suñol House, Hacienda Cemetery, or Paulson House. If you need help with arranging tours of those sites, please contact board members Jonna Baker, Sylvia Hew, or Veronica Jordan. And if that does not convince them to join, invite them to one of our fabulous quarterly luncheons or buy them a membership (the perfect holiday gift). I am sure all of you agree, becoming a member of the Pioneers can change a person's life for the better!

I wish you all a happy and prosperous 2020.

—Jim Zetterquist

News on Pioneers Sites

The properties owned or leased by the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County always need care and maintenance.

The Paulson House at History Park has had new front steps replaced that have made a big difference when visitors enter. A decaying beam has been replaced at the rear of the house. And, new flag holders have been installed at the front porch.

A workday will be scheduled next Spring for sprucing up the Hacienda Cemetery at New Almaden. We would love to have you there to help. Stay tuned for the date of our workday.

Tim Peddy reported that at the Hacienda Cemetery the new plaques have been installed by Veronica Jordan. Thanks Veronica!

On another note, the Pioneers thanks

our Treasurer, Tom Kearney, for spending a lot of his time completing the application for a Santa Clara County grant. We are hoping to obtain help in funding upgrades to the Roberto Adobe & Suñol House. We don't expect to hear back until the end of the year at the earliest.

Phil Johnson primed and painted over graffiti on the front fence of the Suñol House. Thank you Phil! ♦

Recognition BBQ (Continued)



***Russ Robinson, BBQ Chair
(and also a Clamper)***

(Photos: Gayle Frank)

The Clampers BBQ equipment that is designed to look like a locomotive. In front of the BBQ are Clampers Mike Eckley and Jack Furlow. The rest of the Eckley clan also worked on the BBQ. Thank You!!



***Clockwise, Pioneers Docent Phil Johnson with
daughter Haylee Johnson, wife Karen Eul,
daughters Cora Eul (5), and Ava Eul (7).***

(Photo: Paul Bernal)

Preserving California History in Santa Clara County Since 1974



**The Ancient and Honorable
Order
of E Clampus Vitus ®**

**Mountain Charlie Chapter
No. 1850**



Tim and Barbara Peddy

(Photo: Gayle Frank)

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Recognition BBQ (Continued)



*Bernie Moore, Mary Hanel
and Joann Souza*



Dennis Mena, Rosa Boehm, Paul Boehm



*Left,
Gayle Frank
and
Joann Souza
decorating the
patio with
tissue flowers.*

(Photo: Paul Bernal)



*Left,
Carla Helin*

*Below, Joe Coughlin, Tom,
Joe, and April Basuini.*

(Photos: Gayle Frank)



Santa Clara Holiday Historic Home Tour 2019

**Fri. Dec. 6 &
Sat. Dec. 7**

Order tickets at sc-hometour.com
or mail requests to:
Historic Home Tour 2019, c/o
Harris Lass House Museum
P.O. Box 3311
Santa Clara, CA 95055-3311

More information at
Sc-hometour.com
or 408-249-7905

“When San Jose Was Young—Daughter of Don José Part 2”

Below is a reprint of a 1916 series about local history written for San Jose's *Evening News* and attributed to Cora Older.

Part 2

This is a continuation of a 1916 interview with the daughter of Don José, whom we suspect was José Maria Alviso who owned the large adobe in Milpitas and owned the 4,458-acre Rancho Milpitas. Part I of the interview was printed in the September, 2019 issue of the Trailblazer.

“Did you ever travel?” I asked Don José's daughter.

She shook her head no. “Where? My parents sometimes went to Monterey, but I never went anywhere but to church at Santa Clara till after I was married. I was twenty-five when I went to San Francisco.

“Where did you go to school?” I said.

“We had a tutor, usually an officer or scholar with fine Castilian manners. One tutor married my grandmother after she became a widow. Another married one of my aunts. The children studied morning and afternoons just as children do today. Sometimes the neighbors who had no tutors sent their children to study with us.”



Photo: Edward Yatsvolf

“What were your amusements?”

“Bull fights and balls, birthday celebrations and weddings. Some went to bull fights in the Mission Dolores, some at Santa Clara, but we had them on our own ranch. We built a corral for the fights. All the young men liked to fight the bulls. When we had a ball, people came for miles and stayed. We danced for a week.”

“That hall at the old adobe was not very large,” I recalled.

“There were five houses in the old times at the ranch, but we never danced in the house. We built a large platform in the garden, enclosed it in canvas. We decorated the canvas with trees, bright ribbons and silks.

“What did you wear at the balls?”

Mostly white laces, muslin, but not like the shoddy things today. Sometimes we changed our dresses four or five times a night, and we wore out two pairs of silk slippers at a party. Low slippers trimmed with spangles and beads. We made them ourselves. How we danced! Not rough dancing. Smooth, graceful—”

“Who taught you to dance?” I asked.

Even I understood plainly the answer before the interpreter said: “Spanish people don't need to be taught dancing.”

“Please show me how you danced?”

“If I had music,” she protested faintly as she stood up. She tied her handkerchief in a knot and showed how in old days they danced to untie the knot. So expressive and light was her step that one forgot that she was almost ready to shake hands with death.



She re-created the ballroom, the slow, graceful *senoritas*, the dashing young *caballeros*, tossing their gay hats on her head and slinging gold at her feet. The *caballeros* themselves then danced before her, vying with each other for her favor.

“Better than the balls were the wedding parties so gay and happy. Sometimes six women worked for a week preparing the food. The bride and groom came from the church riding side by side with two young gentlemen riding on each side of

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Daughter of Don José (Cont'd)



[JRLARTE, Hesiquio (after)]. CURRIER, N., *El Fandango Mexicano*—1848

the pair. The outriders were the attendants of the groom. They held over the head of the bride and groom a gorgeous arch of silks and flowers.”

“The wedding ball was the bravest of all balls. When my sister married we danced four days at our house. Then we all went to the house of her husband’s parents and danced four days more. Ah, that was California life, always dancing!”

“Were there many beautiful girls?”

“Oh, yes,” she answered indifferently. She could hardly recall, “Josefa Pico, Josefa Alviso. Many girls in San Jose were named Josefa for the patron saint. The young ladies were not ugly.”

“Who was the beauty?” I duly insisted.

Then her amused, coquettish grimace as if I were speaking to a queen incognito made me realize that for an hour or more I, unaware, had been talking with THE beauty.

Where there is beauty there is usually romance, and so, I asked after the great disasters of heart and soul in the early days in Santa Clara County. I hoped to unearth a romance such as one hears at San Juan or a romance like that of Concha Arguello and Rezanov, the Russian statesman.

“No romances,” she said. “Everybody was happy. I married.”

“But Concha Arguello?” I asked.

“Yes, I know the Arguello family, Don Luis of Santa Clara.”

“Concha Arguello became a nun,” I explained. “You recall her love for Rezanov. They were engaged. He died returning to Russia. She went into a convent to forget.”

Bewildered, Don José’s daughter looked at me. Dubiously she shook her head. “It’s possible. I never heard of it.”

I went away feeling as if John Adams had denied the existence of George Washington’s hatchet. The greatest Spanish California romance was annihilated by a contemporary of Concha Arguello. If the romance had ever had throbbing, living reality, is it possible that Don José’s daughter, who was one of a few dozen neighbors of the same class in California, would not have known it?¹

—Evening News, Oct. 10, 1916

¹ Conchita Arguello was born in 1791 in San Francisco to José Dario and Maria Ignacia Arguello. Jose Dario Arguello was comandante of the San Francisco Presidio. The famous 1806 romance and engagement between the 15 year old Conchita and the 42 year old Nikolai Rezanov was strongly discouraged, by her family and the Catholic church because of differences in nationality, religion and age. Rezanov was Chamberlain to Tsar Alexander I of Russia and returned to Russia on state business but died there in 1807. With a broken heart, Concha became the first native Californian nun.

This all happened at least 10 or more years before Don Jose’s daughter, in the article above, was born since she was very elderly during the 1916 interview.



María de la Concepción Marcela Argüello y Moraga, 1791-1857



*Nikolai Petrovich Rezanov
A Russian nobleman and
statesman, 1764-1807*

(Photos Source: Wikipedia)

San Jose State University—A Sketch By Jim Campbell



San Jose State University has the distinction of being the oldest publicly supported institution of higher learning in California. Shortly after statehood in 1850 the Legislature recognized the tremendous need for a college that taught teachers.

The San Francisco Board of Education opened an evening school for teachers in 1857. It was under the direction of a teacher of natural science named George Washington Minns and was known as Minns Evening Normal School.

The school received State support starting in 1862 when it became the California State Normal School. The Normal School outgrew several sites before the

California Superintendent of Schools decided that San Francisco was not the best location for the institution. Washington Square in San Jose was selected as the new site and the cornerstone of a new building was laid on October 20, 1870.

Classes for teachers were held in temporary quarters in two local elementary schools until the new college was completed. The first San Jose class of 17 seniors received their diplomas in 1872.

In August 1882, a southern branch campus of the California State Normal School opened in Los Angeles, which later became UCLA. It was considered an extension of the San Jose campus until 1919.

The San Jose campus fronts Fourth Street, which for many years was the path of the southern Pacific Railroad. Many early students traveled to school on the train before the railroad line was moved to a different location in the 1930s.

The San Jose campus was later named San Jose State Teacher's College, then San Jose State College, and now San Jose State University. SJSU has the distinction of being the oldest institution in California's state system of 21 colleges and universities. It is located at One Washington Square, San Jose. ❖

From: "Down Memory Lane" by Jim Campbell

More on San Jose State University

The building shown in the sketch on page 8 was the first San Jose structure built for The State Normal School, completed in 1876. Since it was primarily constructed of wood, it was destroyed by fire in February, 1880. A second Normal School building was completed by May of 1881 with stone/masonry and was less ornate but larger than the first one. It lasted until the 1906 earthquake. The five-story Tower Hall that we see today and the Quadrangle campus, which was unfortunately razed in the late 1980s, were completed by 1910.

Tower Hall and its companions, The Morris Daily Auditorium, Washington Square Hall and Dwight Bentel Hall, are the oldest structures on the SJSU campus, the oldest public school of higher education in California.

Today, located on 154 acres, the main campus has more than 50 major buildings (23 academic buildings, 7 residence halls) on 19 city blocks in downtown San Jose. ❖



SJSU Tower Hall and Dwight Bentel Hall completed in 1910.

(Photos: taken in 2007: Gayle Frank)



The Tower Bell

The Tower Bell sits north of the Tower Hall at San Jose State University and its plaque reads as follows:

“The Tower Bell was cast to commemorate the California State Normal School in 1881, this 3,000-pound bell was rung at 8 a.m. each morning until the earthquake stilled its voice in 1906. In 1910, the bell was re-installed in the main building of the newly constructed Tower Hall, where it was rung on special occasions. In the early 1960s, seismic concerns led to its retirement and relocation at ground level.” ❖

Sept. Luncheon Program—Highlights

The Pioneers Luncheon on September 7th included a very interesting presentation on the Wade family who settled in Alviso. Henry Wade and his family were part of the Death Valley 49ers whose harrowing experiences when traveling to California by the southern route in 1849-1850 are well known.

Jan Jensen and her father Marv Jensen presented the talk with fascinating vintage photos and power point slides about their ancestors. Other Wade descendants also attended the luncheon: two nieces of Marv Jensen; Craig French (who along with Jan and Marv, joined the Pioneers that day) is descended from John and Almira Wade Ortley; and Father Gerald (Jerry) Wade, chancellor, alumnus, and former president of Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose. Father Wade is the great-grandson of Harry Wade.

Harry Wade and his family traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah from Illinois, but like many others, they were too late to cross the regular route to California with their wagons. But to the anxious travelers, a suggestion to journey to California across the old Spanish Trail, farther

south, sounded like a good idea.

When the wagon train families with approximately 125 wagons reached Enterprise, UT, they learned of a potential short-cut to California. The leader of the wagon train, Captain Jefferson Hunt, who was paid \$10 per wagon, insisted that he was obligated to take any group(s) on the original route, if they did not want to risk the vague short cut. He warned that, "Those of you who take the shortcut will end up in hell." And how right he was.

As the partial group who voted to take the shortcut reached further south, troubles descended upon them: high heat, lack of water, sickness, loss of livestock, daunting mountains, Indians, and no real map to guide them. The Bennett and Arcan families kept moving—the Wade family traveled a short distance behind, hoping to use replenished water the



Jan Jensen and father, Marvin Jensen

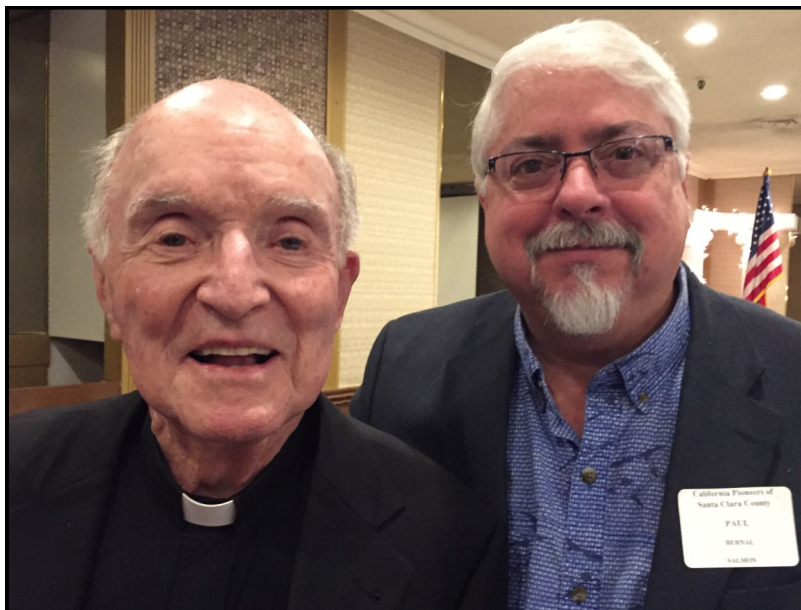
next day after the Bennetts and Arcans moved on from their camp.

At the luncheon, one story about Harry's wife described how Mary Wade's favorite iron kettle was stolen by the Indians. She was furious and crept into the Indian camp and stole it back. Mary had hidden away the ingredients for a pudding that was cooked in the kettle for Christmas Day.

At last, when the future looked the bleakest, the Arcans and the Bennetts decided to send two young men in the group to get help and provisions. William Lewis Manly and John Rogers were given \$30 (all the money left) and 2-week's provisions to make the trek and return with help and supplies.

Harry and Mary Wade had little faith that the two young men would ever return so they set off on their own with one wagon, four children (Harry George, Charles, Almira and Richard), along with two other men. They successfully reached the southern California coast, the only ones with their oxen and wagon intact. Today, their route is

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Father Gerald Wade and Paul Bernal

Sept. Luncheon Highlights

marked with a commemorative plaque on Highway 127 (pictured in the last Trailblazer issue).

Meanwhile, one month later, Manly and Rogers returned with supplies and led the desperate group, the Bennetts and Arcans, to Rancho San Francisquito. The two men had traveled to San Fernando and back, a 500-mile round trip, and feared all had died. Food and water had been depleted, livestock was gone, and the remnants of their wagons were burned. On foot, when led out of the desert that had trapped them, Sarah Bennett exclaimed, "Good-bye, death valley." It is said that's how it got its name. The Manly and Rogers successful rescue of the Arcan and Bennett families is listed as the fifth most heroic deed in California.

After traveling through California and working or mining to make a livelihood, the Wade family arrived in Alviso in 1851. Their first house also served as the Alviso post office. Later when the train traveled through, right next to their house, Mary Wade, serving as postmaster, would exchange outgoing mail with incoming mail while the train kept moving. Harry's eldest son, Harry George, joined his father in the freighting/transportation business at age 15. Later he built a prefabricated

house, a wharf, and a brick warehouse circa 1860. The site of the warehouse has been used in a few old-time western movies.

Decades later, Harry George's daughter, Maggie, sold one of the Wade stagecoaches to Wells Fargo; the stagecoach was restored and taken across the Bay Bridge a few days before opening day on Nov. 8, 1936, the only horse-drawn vehicle to ever cross the bridge. The stagecoach is displayed at the Wells Fargo Museum on Montgomery Street in San Francisco. Years later, Maggie Wade verified that the vehicle was in fact the Wade family stagecoach, pointing out her carved initials on it.

Today, the Death Valley 49ers non-profit, all-volunteer group re-enacts the first wagon train crossing at the southern route. Each year in November, they cross 50 miles of the route (100 miles every four years) with their covered

wagons, horses, iron pots and other replicates of 1850 supplies. Their purpose includes this one of several statements: "Special recognition is given to the California-based pioneer wagon parties of 1849-50 whose indomitable will to survive and persevere through the ordeal of that winter serves as an enduring example of the hardy spirit of all Americans who traveled far searching for new and better lives."

Jan Jensen wrote an article for the June 2019 issue of the Trailblazer about her experiences while on these Annual Encampments.

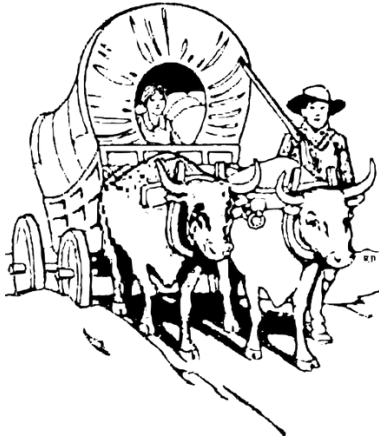
—Gayle Frank

(Family photos on next page)



Top photo: Harry G. Wade Warehouse c. 1860s, at Alviso, a San Jose City Landmark but in extremely poor condition. Above: South side wall of the Wade Warehouse. Loose bricks and deterioration is of great concern. (Photos: Gayle Frank)

Photo Gallery—Henry Wade Family



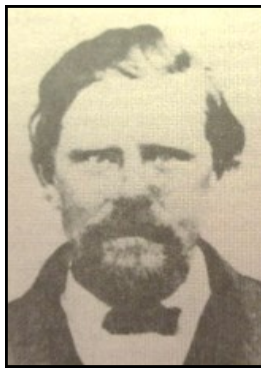
Harry Wade
1800-1883



Mary Reynolds Leach Wade
1813-1889



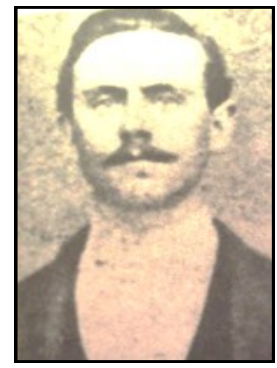
Harry George Wade
1835-1911



Charles Elliot Wade
1838-1918



Almira Wade
1840-1907



Richard Angus Wade
1844-1923

(Photos: Courtesy of Jan Jensen)

**Dues for Membership in
CA Pioneers of Santa Clara County
are due on January 1st**

**Regular membership is still only
\$35**

Pay at December Luncheon or Mail to:

**CA Pioneers of SCC
Membership Chair
P.O. Box 8208
San Jose, CA, 95155**

**Roberto Adobe &
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CaliforniaPioneers.com

Celebrating 100 years of Women's Suffrage

After a very long battle for the women's right to vote, the U.S. Congress finally approved the 19th Amendment in June of 1919. Three-fourths of the then-48 states ratified the Constitutional Amendment by August, 1920. To celebrate the 100th Anniversary, the Trailblazer will print a brief summary of one of our local suffragists in each issue through 2020.

Sarah Knox Goodrich (1827-1903) founded the San Jose Suffrage Association in 1869 and was a tireless advocate for women's rights and women's suffrage. By 1876 she had 200 members in the Association. Sarah had arrived in San Jose in 1863 with her husband William J. Knox (1820-1867) and daughter Virginia (1847-1936) by way of Culpeper County, Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri. The Knox family reached California by wagon train in 1850 and first settled in Nevada City.

While in San Jose, Sarah was not only the founder of the Suffrage Association, she was also active in the California State Association and Woman's Congress and the National Woman's Suffrage Association. The nationally prominent Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton were entertained in Sarah's lovely home on North First Street.



Sarah was a woman of action, becoming a member of the Santa Clara County Pioneer Association (now the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County) as well as the San Jose Library, the Law Library and the Santa Clara Agricultural Societies. She even spoke numerous times to the California State Legislature.

Sarah's primary reasoning for giving women the vote was to dispute "taxation without representation." She refused to pay her taxes since she had no say in her government. A women owning land and/or structures was required by law to pay taxes, yet she was not able to vote for her representatives in government.

When the 1876 Centennial Celebration Parade was hosted in San Jose, Sarah's home was right along its path, so she hung large signs out her windows saying, "We Are Denied The Ballot But Compelled To Pay Taxes," and "Taxation Without Representation Is A Tyranny As Much In 1876 As It Was In 1776," and "Government Derives Their Just Powers From The Consent Of The Governed."

The Suffragettes were allowed to march in the Centennial Parade so Sarah requested that they march in their white dresses and blue sashes behind the African-American marchers and before the

Chinese group to demonstrate the legal place of women with regards to voting rights. The parade organizers refused her request. One source stated that she rode in her carriage with the attached signs in the parade but was ordered to ride toward the front of the parade.

In 1879, Sarah married her second husband, Levi Goodrich (1822-1887) of San Jose, who was a well-known designer and builder of some of the earlier buildings in San Jose and other cities in California. Goodrich also owned a sand-



Sarah Knox Goodrich

stone quarry that produced building material for many outstanding buildings in San Jose and the Bay Area.

Sarah used her wealth and social position for not only women's suffrage and "taxation with representation for all" campaigns, but for equal employment, and the right for women to hold educational offices. She wrote many articles for the local newspaper and journals. She made generous donations to women's rights causes and by 1895 she was an officer in two committees directing and supporting the campaign to amend the California state constitution giving women the vote.

Sarah Knox Goodrich is buried between her two husbands, Levi Goodrich and William Knox at Oak Hill Cemetery.

—Gayle Frank

Sources:

—Lyon, Mary Lou, "Some Pioneer Women in Santa Clara County," vol. 1, pp. 24-29, 1996.
—Wikipedia, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarah_Knox-Goodrich.

New Members—Welcome!

Craig French attended our September luncheon and is a descendant of the Harry Wade family. He lives in Santa Cruz, works in management and is a native Californian. In addition to the French family, he is also related to the pioneer families of Ortega and Bernal, who arrived in California as far back as 1769.

Mary Lou Fitzpatrick lives in San Jose and is a native Californian. She worked as a management analyst. Her pioneer relatives include Nicolo Lancone and Francisco Freitas.

Jan Jensen, father Marvin Jensen, Judy and Jim Jensen—a family membership. Jan Jensen and her father Marv presented the interesting talk on the Harry Wade family of Alviso at our Sept. 7th luncheon. Jan lives in Santa Cruz and is a native Californian. She is a direct descendant from Harry Wade

of the famous Wades of the Death Valley 49ers.

She is interested in pioneer history and restoring historic resources in Alviso, especially two structures that were built by her ancestors, the Wade Warehouse and the Wade residence, both San Jose landmarks but in poor condition. Read more on pages 10-12.



Randy Salazar lives in San Jose and joined the Pioneers after visiting our Roberto Adobe & Suñol House Museum. His family arrived in California in 1930. His heritage is American/Mexican/Spanish. Randy's mother and father are Julia and Albert Salazar. ❖

History San Jose Events

Happy Birthday San Jose--Nov. 9 at 11 am to 3 pm

San José marks the 242nd year of the founding of El Pueblo de San José de Guadalupe. Join History San Jose to celebrate and honor San José's diverse Tamien, Spanish, and Mexican roots, with activities at the Peralta Adobe and tours of both the adobe and the Carmel and Thomas Fallon House. Free event

Children's Heritage Holiday in History Park

Dec. 7 at 11 am to 3 pm

Experience an old-fashioned holiday at San Jose's History Park, decorated for the holidays thanks to the resident Elves. \$10 per adult, Free for up to 4 children, and \$5 for each additional child. Free for HSJ Members. Entrance at 635 Phelan Avenue

Heritage Holiday Champagne Tea

Dec. 14 at 11 am or 12:30 pm

Renzel Room at the Pacific Hotel, History Park, 635 Phelan Ave.
\$50 HSJ Members \$55 Non-members.
For tickets please contact events@historysanjose.org.

Ongoing Exhibits

A Collector's Passion: 100 Years of Paintings Inspired by the McKay Collection. Through Dec. 15 at the Pasetta House, History Park McKay Gallery.

Join Us As a Greeter or Docent for the Paulson House at History San Jose

For more information or to volunteer, contact Jonna Baker at (408) 533-3256 or J234belle@yahoo.com

Docent or Greeter Opportunity for Roberto Adobe & Suñol House

For more information or to volunteer, contact Sylvia Hew at 408-265-5371 or hewmum@gmail.com

Contact our Sunshine Chair if you know of a Pioneers member who is ill or needs cheering up!

Madeline Streight: 408-259-4422
or madeline.streight@att.net

Membership Report

The membership dues for the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County are **due on January 1st every year**. Basic dues are only \$35.

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2019 please do so. Dues for 2020 will be accepted at the December luncheon or you can mail your check to CA Pioneers of SCC, Membership Chair, P.O. Box 8208, San Jose, CA, 95155.

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Time Travel *(Past News from Newspaper Archives)*

San Jose, April 1878; Miss Anna Tully, at the San Jose Fruit Packing Company, performed the astonishing task of pasting labels on 3,677 tomato cans. Each can weighed 2.5 pounds and had to be handled three times in the operation, making a total lifting of fourteen tons. An ordinary day's work was about 1,200 cans. It was only by the most remarkable skill, dexterity and perseverance that she was able to perform this task, a task that challenged competition.

San Jose, 1901; Capitalists interested in the Oakland-San Jose Electric Railroad were among those associated in the Oakland-San Francisco Railroad project, capitalized at \$2,500,000, to lay a tube beneath San Francisco Bay connecting the two cities.

May, 1911; San Jose High School girl students, by popular vote, decided to forego silks and satins and would wear wash dresses at the evening graduation. The girls were applauded for taking such a step. The Domestic Science Department helped the girls for the occasion.

San Jose, 1913; Negotiations were concluded for the purchase of the 4,348 acre Rancho Atascadero in San Luis Obispo County, the property of Jim Henry, formerly of San Jose, by a Mrs. J. E. Lewis, representing the Women's Republic. Word was J. Henry had acquired the Rancho with the flip of a card at a San Jose poker game. His victim was Ben Murphy, former mayor of San Jose.

San Jose, April, 1914; The opening of the new indoor swimming pool, or natatorium, attracted over 10,000 to Alum Rock Park. Double cars were run by the Peninsular Railroad every hour. Also, 1,100 automobiles, 200

motorcycles and over 200 horses and rigs filled the canyon for the "splash."

Sacramento, 1915; Our cigar smoking legislators would no longer enjoy their cigar smoking sessions here due to the action of Lt. Governor Eshleman. One fuming senator gave notice he would make a future motion to repeal such nonsense.

Campbell, 1939; Double parkers here, at the time, would no longer be reprimanded by a stern faced officer, but instead would find a politely worded "courtesy card" asking them not to repeat the practice. ❖



Alum Rock Park
Natatorium
completed in
1914. Razed in
1975. Had
skylights,
high
galleries and a
huge slide.
Also called
the "Plunge."

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